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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ACTION

COMMENTS INVITED ON NEW ENGLAND AREA (REGION 19) PUBLIC SAFETY PLAN AMENDMENT

(GEN. DOCKET NO. 90-53)

Comment Date: September 16, 2005

Reply Date: September 30, 2005

On June 28, 2005, Region 19 (New England)¹ 800 MHz Radio Planning Committee submitted a proposed amendment² to its Public Safety Plan (Plan) that would revise the current frequency allotments to provide new assignments for the City of Boston; Massachusetts Department of Corrections; Connecticut State Police; Town of Glastonbury, Connecticut; Town of Wethersfield, Connecticut; City of Providence, Rhode Island; Washington County, Rhode Island; Town of Narragansett, Rhode Island; Town of Wilbraham, Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Port Authority.³

The proposed Plan Amendment was reviewed by, and letters of concurrence obtained from Region 19's adjacent regions, Region 8 (New York - Metropolitan)⁴ and Region 30 (New York).⁵

¹ The Region 19-New England 800 MHz regional planning area is comprised of six states: Connecticut (except Fairfield County), Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

² See Letter dated June 23, 2005, from George J. Pohorilak, Chairman, Region 19 New England Radio Planning Committee, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC (submitting Amendment to Region 19 NPSPAC Plan) filed June 28, 2005 (Plan Amendment).

³ See Plan Amendment Attachment, Tables for Window 13 (no applications), Window 14, Window 15, Window 16 and Window 17 (no applications). In addition, Channels 647 and 757 are proposed to be taken back from Quincy, Massachusetts and the Massachusetts Convention Center for failure to construct.

⁴ Region 8 (New York-Metropolitan) includes Fairfield County Connecticut; Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester Counties, New York; and Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union Counties, New Jersey.

In accordance with the National Public Safety Plan, each region is responsible for planning its use of public safety radio frequency spectrum in the 821-824/866-869 MHz bands.⁶ The Public Safety Plan for Region 19, which was adopted by the Commission on April 26, 1990, governs the use of frequency assignments in the 821-824/866-869 MHz within the New England area.⁷

Prior to taking action on the Region 19 Plan Amendment, by this Public Notice, we solicit comments on the Plan Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before September 16, 2005 and reply comments on or before September 30, 2005. All comments should reference General Docket 90-53, and should be filed with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554.

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The Plan Amendment can be accessed electronically via the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>.⁸ Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Filings and comments are also available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. Copies also may be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc. (BCPI), Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554. Customers may contact BCPI through its web site, <http://www.bcpweb.com>, by email at fcc@bcpweb.com, by phone at (202) 488-5300 or (800) 378-3160, or by facsimile at (202) 488-5563.

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⁵ Region 30 (New York) includes all New York counties except the area in New York- Metropolitan, Region 8.

⁶ *See* Development and Implementation of a Public Safety National Plan and Amendment to Part 90 to Establish Service Rules and Technical Standards for Use of the 821-824/866-869 MHz Bands by the Public Safety Services, *Report and Order*, Gen. Docket No. 87-112, 3 FCC Rcd 905 (1987).

⁷ *See* In the Matter of New England Area Public Safety Plan, *Order*, General Docket 90-53, 5 FCC Rcd 2844 (1990).

⁸ *See* Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).

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